

Communion Meditation – Jonah

Jonah 4.5-11 (read 3.10 – 4.11)

“God Confronts Jonah”

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Recap

- In the last 2 messages we read of:
 - Nineveh repenting ~ of God extending mercy
 - Jonah’s intense anger at their not being judged
- We’ve now read all of Jonah .. Think on what I just read .. Think about God ..
 - “After reading Jonah chapter 4, what is your impression of God?”

The Book of Jonah

- ///: James Taylor (World Series) & Carly Simon ~ “You’re So Vain”
 - Wikipedia page on the mystery c/the identity of the person
 - But, the song ironically is all about this man
- “What is the book of Jonah about?”
 - Is it about Jonah spending 3 days in a fish? No ..
 - Is it about the salvation of 120k+ Ninevites? No ..
 - It is about the hard unforgiving heart of one man named Jonah

v4 & v9 ~ “Is it Right for You to be Angry?”

- **v5** ~ Jonah went off by himself to brood & stew in his anger
 - He made himself a shelter ~ but (**v6**) God also shaded it
 - Jonah appreciated this kindness ~ this mercy ~ towards him
- **v7** ~ But what God gave him one day ~ He took away the next
 - He also ordained a (**v8**) hot sun and a strong east wind
 - Jonah grew faint from the heat and wished again to die
- **v9** ~ God asks a second time about Jonah’s anger (now about the plant)
 - Jonah says it right for him to even wish for death ..
 - God points out that Jonah pitied the plant ~ not only himself
 - Perhaps the plant was beautiful (in addition to being useful)

I asked you earlier for your impression of God after reading Jonah 4

What is that impression? Wonder ..

At His patience with Jonah who is being so stubborn and hard-hearted?

But God had set His love upon Jonah ~ He was not abandoning him ..

God sets His love upon us every Lord’s Day at this, His Table ..

Jonah is not about Jonah’s hard-heart & unforgiveness ~ but God’s abundant mercy